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NEWLY OPENED THEATER IN BA'QUBAH DEDICATED TO V CORPS SERGEANT MAJOR KILLED IN ACTION

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARHORSE, Iraq -- "My first memory of

Command Sgt. Maj. (Steven W.) Faulkenburg was in Kosovo at Friday night burger

night," said Lt. Col. Peter A. Newell, commander of V Corps' 2nd Battalion, 2nd

Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.



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Soldiers bow their heads in respect during the dedication of the movie theater at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Ba'qubah, Iraq. The Faulkenburg Theater was named for Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Falkenburg from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division, who was killed in action in Fallujah Nov. 9, 2004.

"Somewhere between the hours of 8 to 10 p.m. you could see him at the movie theater with his Soldiers around him; probably one of the few times you caught the guy standing still."

The Faulkenburg Theater, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation movie theater facility dedicated in memory of

Faulkenburg, was opened here January 25. Faulkenburg was killed in action Nov. 9, 2004 during combat in Fallujah.

During the dedication the sergeant major was remembered by those who served with him.

"He was small in stature but a giant amongst men," said Staff Sgt. Sean Fitzwilliam, a chaplain's assistant assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "He loved his Soldiers and his Soldiers loved him back."

Faulkenburg had a reputation of being around the Soldiers as much as possible to assist them, mentor them and at times correct them. Those who knew him said the sergeant major knew the values of hard work and keeping up morale.

The theater will provide an outlet for the FOB Warhorse community, as well as helping to raise and keep up the morale, said Master Sgt. Twanda L. Pressey, HHC's MWR liaison.

The facility, coordinated by Army MWR officials and built by contracted Kellogg, Brown and Root carpenters, was built primarily for movie entertainment, but can also be used for live performances, briefings or educational purposes.

"The whole project took about 75 days to complete, from blueprint to grand opening," said

Carson George, KBR master carpenter and foreman.

The theater, which can accommodate an audience of 154, will show four movies a day, seven days a week. The facility currently has a refreshment counter, but future plans call for a snack bar with commercial fountain soda and popcorn machines.

